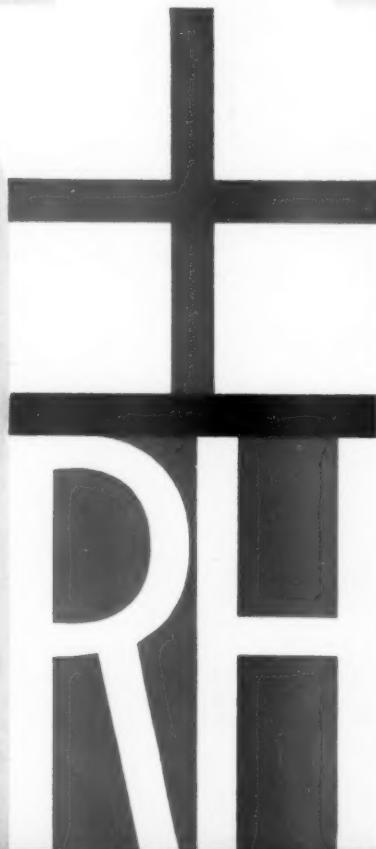


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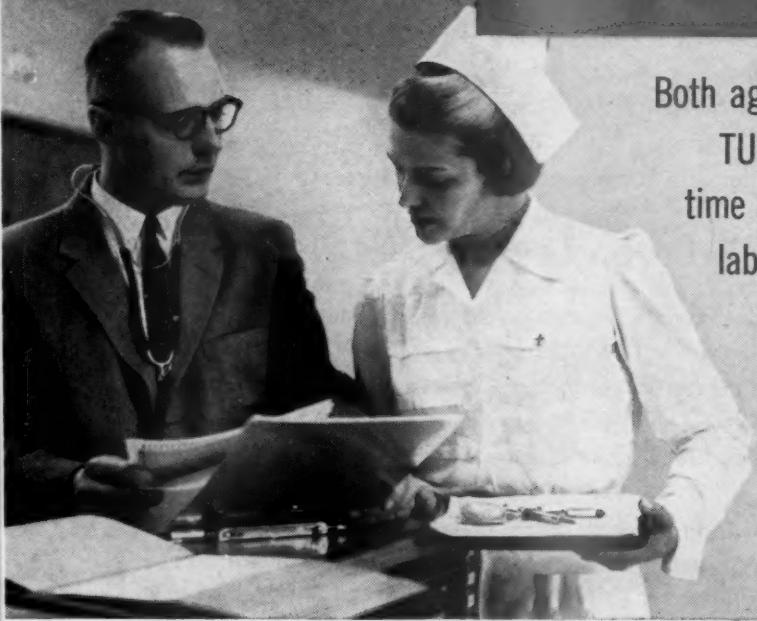
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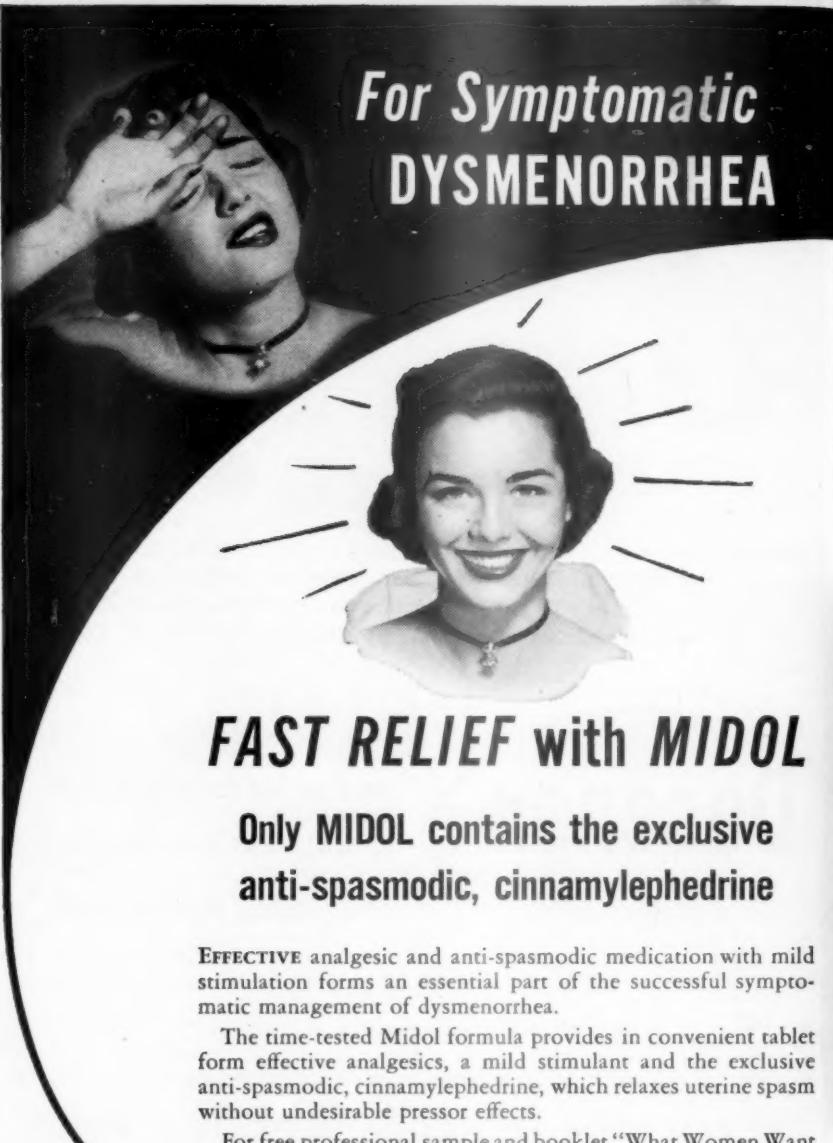
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RN letters

INEQUALITIES IN PAY

DEAR EDITOR: I can't resist adding my 2 cents' worth to your recent article, "Why Nurses Don't Stay Put."

Rarely do two hospitals in the same city have identical pay scales. So, sooner or later, nurses working at the lower rate wake up and discover they can do the same work just a block or two away at a higher wage.

Then comes another jolt: They find that jobs in industry pay even more.

All nurses, myself included, consider the patient first, remuneration second. Yet it's about time that nursing idealists mixed some practical thoughts with their idealism.

Nurses are people, too. They need food, clothing, shelter, and recreation, like other workers. And, like others, they too pay high taxes. So let's have a more equitable salary scale!

Doris Schwanke, R.N.
Irvington, N.J.

TWO-YEAR GRADUATES

DEAR EDITOR: I was glad that your article on the two-year training program put the emphasis on bedside nursing. I also like the idea of affiliation with a college or university. And I hope that soon more

states will license the two-year graduate.

Bertha Wellington, R.N.
Rochester, Minn.

DEAR EDITOR: By establishing a shorter training course, our so-called leaders are putting nursing back seventy-five years. If the two-year course becomes popular, the academic level of our profession will fall so low that any career-minded young woman with an ounce of brains will stay away from it.

R.N., Michigan

'BACK TO THE BEDSIDE'

DEAR EDITOR: It's true, as your June article points out, that many nurses want to get back to bedside nursing. But I don't see in this a wish to escape other responsibilities. Most nurses, I believe, really miss contact with patients when they don't have it.

Many of the R.N.'s clerical duties can and should be delegated to a ward clerk or secretary. At our hospital, secretaries are assigned to all medical and surgical units. After proper orientation, they become invaluable. The R.N., no longer tied to her desk, can visit patients more frequently, assist in supervi-

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sion, and help in planning conferences. The result has been most gratifying.

E. Mae Davis, R.N.
Manchester, N. H.

FOREIGN EDITIONS?

DEAR EDITOR: *RN* is both an important magazine and an invaluable friend. I hope that some day it can be published in various languages. Then nurses in other countries will be able to benefit from its constructive ideas and its brilliant scientific articles.

Francisco A. Gomez, R.N.
Chicago, Ill.

'CARE FOR A MERGER?'

DEAR EDITOR: The status of the R.N. would be immeasurably enhanced if the nursing profession were taken under the wing of the American Medical Association.

As a recognized branch of the A.M.A., we would have greater prestige than we now have as hirelings of hospitals, industry, public health agencies, and so on.

Such prestige would make nursing more attractive to career-minded women (and men). It would give added meaning to years of study and service. Few nurses, I believe, would leave their profession if its status were thus improved.

Under A.M.A. guidance, nursing education would produce truly professional individuals, duly rec-

ognized and employed as such. And we'd be spared the humiliation of being placed in competition with practical nurses—since such competition would obviously be eliminated by our more sharply defined professional status.

How do we proceed to unite doctors and nurses in a single organization?

Dora Missler, R.N.
Maplewood, Mo.

SHOCKING, BUT . . .

DEAR EDITOR: That recent article in the Ladies' Home Journal, about cruelty in maternity wards, is a most discouraging indictment of professional nurses. Yet my own experience won't allow me to pooh-pooh it as lay hysteria.

I've had three children born in three different parts of the country in the last six years, and I've observed many of the practices the article mentions.

Outright cruelty and sadism? No. But I did experience the "assembly-line" feeling, the loneliness and fear in being left alone for many hours, the brusque treatment, the careless technique.

Worst of all, many nurses treated me as though I were an inanimate object. They offered no friendly comment—just a crisp "Turn over!" or "Put your legs down!" Even a simple "Please" seemed to be too much effort.

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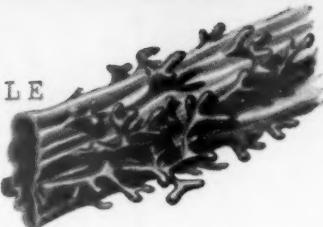
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was the carelessness of many nurses in draping and screening patients during treatments and examinations.

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So perhaps the Journal's article is not too far-fetched. If only a tenth of its charges are true, we nurses have a grave obligation to change things.

R.N., Pennsylvania

HOW MUCH SOCIALIZATION?

DEAR EDITOR: During the recent A.N.A. biennial convention, this editorial comment appeared in the Atlantic City Press:

"Physicians, unalterably opposed to any form of 'socialized medicine,' have consistently taken a dim view of proposals for government health programs. They have carefully refrained from seeking funds to help support medical education programs lest they provide the opening wedge."

"Nurses, on the other hand, have shown no reluctance to invite government aid . . . A convention leader publicly urged Congress to provide funds for advanced educational programs in nursing administration, supervision and instruction, as well as for research."

I'd like to hear, through *RN*, how nurses feel about this charge that they're putty in the hand of socializers.

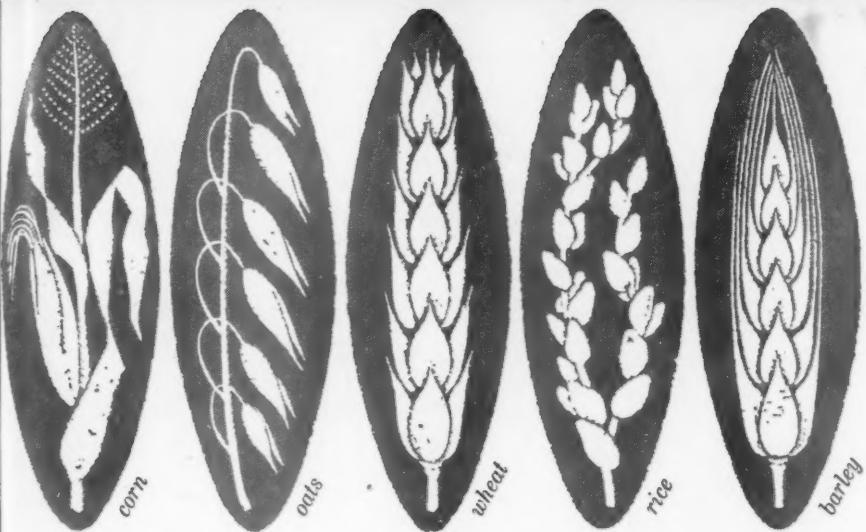
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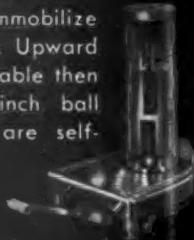
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Baby's Polio Shot can be given safely at 2 months, simultaneously, but in different sites, with his first D.P.T. (diphtheria, pertussis, tetanus) injection, says Dr. Thomas M. Rivers of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis. He recommends that the second Salk shot, along with the second D.P.T. shot, be given at 3 months, the third polio shot at 10 months.

Do Mothers-to-Be Want to Be?

How many expectant mothers wish they weren't? A Boston Lying-in Hospital study indicates that 85 per cent regret their pregnancy at first but change their minds by the end of the third month.

Dr. Gerald Caplan of Harvard's School of Public Health says this finding debunks the "widespread

myth" that rejection of impending motherhood is a threat to the mother-child relationship. The rejection, he explains, springs from a desire to escape pregnancy's discomforts. "It is not rejection of the baby."

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dren's Bureau directs this free cardiac program and the Federal Government picks up the tab.

Women Go to Doctors oftener than men, a Public Health Service survey shows. The average woman sees her physician 5.5 times a year; the average man, 3.9 times.

Doctors Seek Cause Of Lung Disease

A puzzling lung ailment is reported by Dr. Samuel H. Rosen of the Armed Forces Institute of Pathology. Called pulmonary alveolar proteinosis, the disease was first seen in Massachusetts in 1953 and has since cropped up throughout

the U.S. and in Canada, England, and Italy. Its symptoms: shortness of breath, cough, fatigue, weight loss.

Corticoids and antibiotics don't seem to touch the condition; and Dr. Rosen doubts that it's caused by a virus, bacterium, or parasite. Instead, he suspects harmful inhalations from insecticides, detergents, plastics, drugs, or other chemical compounds.

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A.M.A. Meeting Takes Up New Drugs, Techniques

Many reports on medical treatment and care were made and demonstrations of research tools and diagnostic procedures given at the meeting of the American Medical Association in June in San Francisco. Some of them follow:

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Researcher Calls Virus Likely Cancer Cause

It's time to assume that most cancer is traceable to virus and to do research along those lines, says Dr. Wendell M. Stanley of the University of California at Berkeley, winner of the Nobel Prize in chemistry in 1956.

The theory that viruses are infectious agents and therefore not responsible for presumably non-infectious human cancer doesn't stand up, he says.

His reason: The viruses that cause tumors in animals may be alternately infectious or noninfectious depending on the quantity that is present.

New Drug Helps Circulation, Relieves Leg Cramps

A drug claimed to be useful in the treatment of angina cruris, a progressive circulatory disease affecting elderly people and those who spend a lot of time on their feet—e.g., postmen, policemen, factory workers—is reported by Drs. Saul S. Samuels and Herbert E. Shafiel

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In patients tested, they observed that the drug, Cartrax, increased flow through degenerated blood vessels of arms and legs by about 45 per cent in eight weeks, and was effective in relieving disabling symptoms and cramplike pains.

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Two Treatments for Acne: Local and Internal

Acne sufferers may have a choice of local or internal remedies—both proved helpful in tests lasting over several years.

For local use: a soaplike paste containing abrasive agents to keep oil follicles open and unplugged. Dr. Rose B. Saperstein, a California dermatologist, has been prescribing daily "washings" with the compound to 1,000 patients over a period of ten years. She finds that most of them "improve appreciably" after six weeks and outgrow the acne with little or no scarring.

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Is there a trend away from the breast-feeding of infants?

According to a 1956 survey, in 1,904 hospitals the percentage of bottle-fed newborns had risen sharply in ten years.

But Dr. Herman F. Meyer of Children's Memorial Hospital in Chicago believes only future studies will tell whether this is a "temporary inclination."

Dr. Meyer reports that in the 1956 survey it was found that the ratio of infants fed by bottle alone to those fed by breast alone was three to one. In the survey made ten years earlier, he states, figures for bottle-fed and breast-fed newborns were almost equal.

Diagnostic Instrument Looks Into Human Eye

Eye disease invisible to customary detection instruments can now be diagnosed by a sonar device developed by Ophthalmologist Dr. Gilbert Baum and Physicist Ivan Greenwood of New York State.

An ultrasonic transmitter scans the eye, bouncing high-frequency sound waves off obstructions. The echoes are picked up by a microphone and pictured on a radar screen.

With the new technique doctors can now "see": a detached retina in an eye made opaque to light by

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hemorrhage; tumors in any part of the eye or the orbit, even when concealed by a cataract; certain foreign bodies invisible to X-ray.

New Treatment Found to Help Diabetics

A new oral drug for diabetes looks "promising" if researchers can lick the problem of gastrointestinal side reactions. Dr. Leo P. Krall of Boston found that about two-thirds of a random cross-sectional group of 1,000 patients (including those under age 20) responded to the medicine.

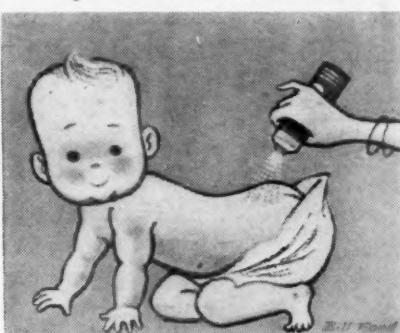
Called DBI for short, the experimental drug is formamidinyliminourea. It is not related to sulfonylurea tolbutamide, an already marketed oral agent for lowering the blood sugar level.

Dr. Krall reports that about seventy of his patients have been using DBI for a year with no apparent toxic effects.

Ultrasonic Waves beamed at a nerve complex deep in the brain have reduced tremors and rigidity in twelve patients with parkinsonism and similar disorders. So says a research report issued jointly by the Universities of Illinois and Iowa.

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I Work in a HEADACHE CLINIC

Everybody talks about headache, and

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By Nadine Wright, R.N.

I've seen a lot of headaches in the last five years. In fact, as charge nurse at the headache clinic of the Hillcrest Medical Center in Tulsa, Okla., I've dealt with at least 4,000 of them.

More than 60 per cent of Americans are reportedly victims of headache. It's second only to the common cold in causing industrial absenteeism. Yet in the U. S. today there are but four clinics such as ours whose sole function is to diagnose and treat headache.

On the average, twice as many

women as men have headaches. Chief sufferers are: (1) young—between 21 and 30; (2) unmarried; and (3) either students or executives.

The person with an everyday type of headache usually treats himself. It's the chronic, intensely painful type we see at the clinic.

Headache is of course a symptom, not a disease. So it may arise from any one of a number of physiological or psychological causes. For example, there's the headache resulting from brain

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concussion, the chronic headache of the high-school girl who studies until midnight, the nagging headache of the older woman who lives with a daughter-in-law and worries about being a nuisance.

To get at the source of the trouble, we give every new patient at Hillcrest a complete physical examination. If we find the headache is a result of something organic, like infected teeth, sinusitis, hypertension, or (more rarely) brain tumor, we refer the patient to a specialist. Here at the clinic we concentrate on migraine and on headaches that arise from tension.

Because of the emotional factors present, we try to build a solid relationship between patient and staff. The same nurse works with the patient throughout his treatment. This saves time and spares the patient the need of adjusting to a new nurse at each visit.

After the diagnosis has been made, treatment consists of drugs to relieve the pain and psychotherapy to get at the underlying cause of the headache.

We sit down quietly with the patient and tell him that headaches are often caused by emo-

tional conflict. We explain that we have a department where he can discuss his personal problems in strict confidence.

At first, the patient may resist, saying, "Talking won't cure my headaches! I've had 'em since I was eight. My mother had 'em all her life."

It takes a lot of ingenuity sometimes to convince a sufferer that talking *may* help a great deal. Anyway, he usually decides to give it a try, since it certainly won't do any harm.

Psychotherapy often starts with the social worker. If there's a family problem to meet, she may refer the patient to a social agency. Sometimes she calls relatives in consultation, as in the case of Mr. R.:

Mr. R. was admitted with a headache he'd had for two years. While he was only 28 and physically in good condition, his headaches were so severe that he couldn't keep a job.

The social worker discovered that his wife had an infantile attachment for her mother, and insisted on spending every weekend with her. The ignored and frustrated husband's headaches were an attention-getting device.

Fortunately, good family

counseling brought understanding. And the headaches disappeared completely when Mr. R. arranged for his wife to see her mother while he was at work.

Even after the psychiatric social worker takes over, I keep tabs on my patients as they go from one department to another. I check the charts periodically, make sure appointments are kept, and—most important of all—see that the patient takes his medications faithfully.

In addition to pain-relieving drugs, many of our patients receive tranquilizers to make them more amenable to psychotherapy. Often they've habitually overdosed themselves with an analgesic at the *height* of each headache; we must teach them to take medication at the *onset*.

Such medication depends on the type of headache. Although the two types exhibit some similar symptoms, the pain in tension headache is apt to be general, while in migraine it is usually hemicranial.

Tension Headache

Tension headache commonly affects persons in their 30s and 40s. It usually arises from emotional stress at home or at work.

Such stress causes changes in the cranial blood vessels. The pain that results is dull, throbbing, and may continue intermittently for days. It's generally accompanied by depression.

We give analgesics and sedatives to relieve the symptoms, but the emphasis is on psychotherapy. Letting the patient talk out his problem, giving him intelligent guidance, sometimes getting him to change his environment, are all means toward a cure.

Migraine Headache

Migraine headache is a different problem. It often starts in childhood. There may be a history of migraine in the family. Its victims tend to be rigid, aggressive perfectionists. This type of headache, too, may be triggered by emotional conflict. It often occurs during a let-down period, such as a week-end. Sometimes it lasts only an hour; sometimes, days. It may be accompanied by nausea, vomiting, sweating, even prostration.

Migraine is almost always preceded by an aura, characterized by blind spots and lightning-like flashes before the eyes. These symptoms are caused by con-

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striction of the cranial arteries.

After the initial constriction, the arteries dilate, and then comes the throbbing, pulsing, unilateral headache. As vasodilation continues, the arterial walls thicken, and edema and rigidity change the pain to a steady ache.

The patient may not realize that the aura invariably presages an attack. If so, the nurse must stress the importance of his pre-headache medication.

Early Treatment Helps

Prevention is the key to successful treatment. Since the pre-headache aura is caused by constriction of cranial arteries, ergotamine tartrate (a vasoconstrictor), given *during the warning stage*, will keep the arteries from dilating later and thus avert a full-blown migraine attack.

Because migraine patients often have emotional conflicts that go back to childhood and are hard to get at, our psychotherapy is usually limited to helping relieve present anxieties. We also try to re-educate the patient so he'll cut down on overwork, rest more, and live a sensible social life.

If a nurse is a good listener, she'll learn the cause of the head-

ache that much sooner. For example:

One patient had her first migraine at age 50. After that, they occurred every few days with no apparent cause. Tactful probing revealed the reason:

Her married son had very poor eyesight. He was looking forward to the birth of his first child. Our patient feared the child might be born blind.

Good counseling reassured her. The headaches disappeared.

The "headache nurse" needs a warm, understanding personality and a sincere interest in the patient. She also needs the perseverance to see the patient through months or years of care. A background in social service and psychiatry helps, too.

Hard work? Yes.

But I think it's worth it. I'm sold on the value of the headache clinic because I've seen such wonderful, gratifying results.

In most places today, patients with headache still circulate through the medical, ophthalmic, and psychiatric clinics. But it's only a matter of time until the need for units such as ours is generally recognized. Then, I predict, there will be headache clinics all over the country. END

Emergency Technique For Rh Babies

By Eileen McGloin, R.N.

If you saw jaundice in a baby less than 36 hours old would you suspect erythroblastosis fetalis? If the doctor confirmed your suspicion as to the diagnosis could you set up for an immediate exchange transfusion?

One of every 150 babies needs, and can usually be saved by, such a transfusion. Brain damage—sometimes death—is the price of failure to act quickly.

Erythroblastosis fetalis stems from blood-group incompatibility between mother and fetus. There are many such incompatibilities, but most important is that between an Rh-negative mother and an Rh-positive fetus. It causes only about one-third of all erythroblastosis cases, but they're usually the most severe ones.

What happens is that the mother develops an antibody to combat the antigen on her infant's red cells. This antibody enters the fetal circulation, attaches itself to the red cells, and causes them to rupture,

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thus releasing their hemoglobin. Anemia and jaundice may then result.

If the fetus can't make new red cells fast enough to replace the ruptured ones, it will either die in utero or be born with severe anemia—often with respiratory and heart trouble also.

The released hemoglobin produces a toxic pigment, bilirubin. In the uterus, this is disposed of via the placenta, but it collects in the tissues of the newborn. When it collects in his brain, kernicterus (jaundice of the brain) results. Kernicterus is a preventable cause of cerebral palsy.

The treatment—to correct anemia and prevent kernicterus—is exchange transfusion. This replaces most of the baby's Rh-positive red cells with Rh-negative ones against which the destructive antibody is powerless. It also removes much of the circulating bilirubin, although it can't remove any that has already been deposited in the baby's brain. Hence the need for immediate exchange transfusion.

Such transfusion can cut the mortality among erythroblastotic babies to less than 5 per cent and prevent at least 1,000 cases of cerebral palsy every year.

The Set-up for Exchange Transfusion

scissors. Rule for measuring venous pressure. (It's placed upright on the baby's abdomen and the open end of the blood-filled umbilical catheter held alongside it. The height of the column of blood equals the baby's venous pressure.) Rh-negative blood to replace the baby's Rh-positive blood. (Citrated blood usually comes from a blood bank and is warmed before use to 104°F. either in warm water or by immersing the 20 feet of tubing of the blood-donor set in a blood warmer. Heparinized blood comes from a donor just before the transfusion, and to each 500 ml. is added 15 mg. of heparin.)

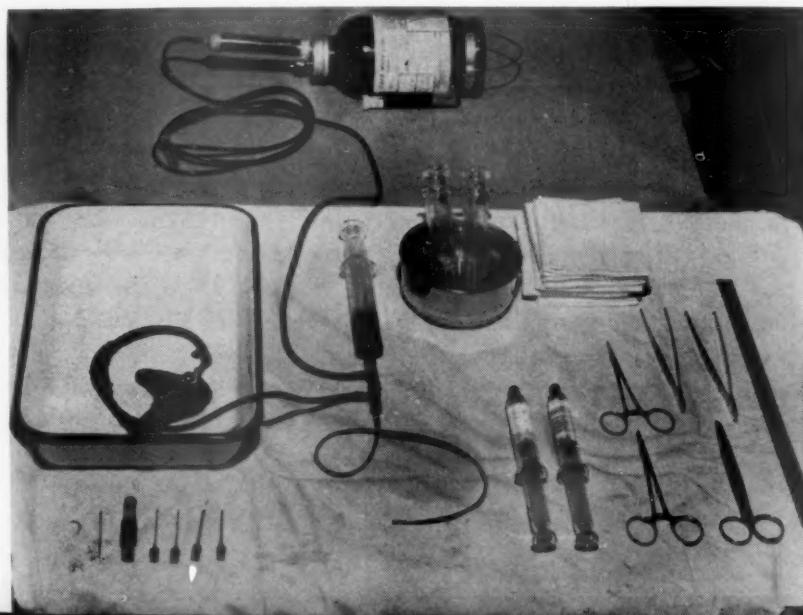
Besides the foregoing, it's also well to have ready an infant emergency tray with 2-ml. syringes, 2-ml. ampoules of caffeine

sodium benzoate, epinephrine diluted to 1:10,000, infant-size laryngoscope, endotracheal tube, nasal-suction catheters, oxygen mask, and rebreathing bag. Oxygen, a suction machine, an I.V. pole, stools for the doctors to sit on, and a pad and pencil are also desirable.

Some doctors want an umbilical cannula and a blunt probe to thread the catheter into the baby's umbilical vein. Some want extra bottles of normal saline, heparin, and calcium gluconate as well as some plain and oxalated specimen tubes.

Sterile gloves are a must. Sterile gowns and masks are optional, depending on whether the doctor considers blood exchange a surgical procedure or simply a transfusion.

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Preparing the Baby

To prevent possible shock, the baby is conveyed in a heated crib to a heated room where the transfusion is to be done. There he is either kept in the crib or put in a rubber bunting like the one illustrated. If neither of these is available, it's best to keep him wrapped in blankets rather than use hot-water bottles and risk the danger of burning him.

Equally important for the baby's safety is keeping his head, chest, and abdomen exposed so

that his color and vital signs can be watched. He may, for instance, stop breathing and have to be resuscitated without delay.

The rubber bunting pictured is a waterproof electric blanket attached to a board. Once it's heated it maintains a constant temperature. It zips open along one side and buttons behind the baby's head. Once inside, he can wriggle his hands and feet but can't upset the sterile field. In an emergency, he can be tilted into shock position or taken right out.



The Transfusion Team

The operator, who performs the actual exchange, is always a doctor, usually a pediatrician.

The observer, who's directly responsible for the baby's life, is usually a pediatrician but may be a pediatric anesthetist or an R.N. The observer keeps a constant check on the baby's vital signs, watches for possible cardiac arrest, administers oxygen and pharyngeal suction when needed.

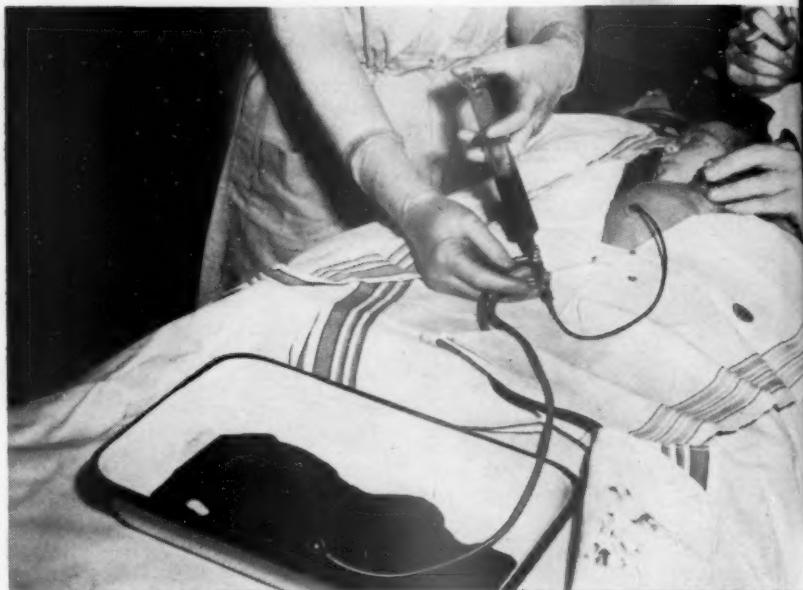
The recorder is usually a nurse but may be an auxiliary helper.

She notes the details of everything done. She records vital signs, reactions, medications given. She writes down the time and amount of each withdrawal of the baby's blood and each injection of donor blood.

The assistant, who can break scrub when necessary, is usually a nurse. She hands instruments to the doctor, helps him secure the catheter in the vein, is responsible for keeping the blood warm, and runs any necessary errands.

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The Transfusion Technique

The cord is cut back fairly close to the abdomen. The catheter is threaded into the umbilical vein and connected to the stopcocks and syringe.

Some 20 ml. of the baby's blood are withdrawn and discarded at a time, and 20 ml. of donor blood are injected. This is repeated until about 500 ml. have been exchanged. (Usual amount: twice the baby's circulating blood volume or 75 ml. for each pound of his body weight.) The transfusion takes from one and a half to two hours.

If citrated blood is used, the

baby is given periodic calcium gluconate injections. Reason: Citrated blood is low in calcium so tetany is a constant hazard.

After the transfusion, the doctor clears the tubing with normal saline solution. If citrated blood was used, he injects 5 ml. of calcium gluconate. If heparinized blood was used, he injects 25 mg. of protamine to prevent hemorrhage.

At this point, some doctors leave the catheter in place in case a second exchange is necessary. Others remove it but apply a sterile wet dressing so the catheter can easily be reinserted.



Back in the Nursery

Exchange transfusion, although relatively simple for the medical team, is a formidable procedure for the baby. He needs expert nursing care and close observation for at least five days thereafter. Shock, infection, heart failure, and kernicterus are all threats to him.

He is kept warm in an incubator or isolette through which humidified room air is circulated. He gets oxygen only for cyanosis.

Antibiotic injections are given twice daily. Blood tests are made daily to be sure the baby's bilirubin is not rising rapidly or ex-

ceeding 15 to 20 mg. per 100 ml. of blood.

The nurse also keeps a constant watch for signs of brain damage: high-pitched cry, irritability, arching back, rolling up of the eyes, elevated temperature, tremor, and convulsions.

When he's 24 hours old, the baby gets his first feeding—about an ounce of 5 per cent glucose in water every three hours. He's held for all feedings as regurgitation is a big problem.

When he's 36 hours old, he's put on a modified milk formula. At 48 hours, he may be breast-fed.

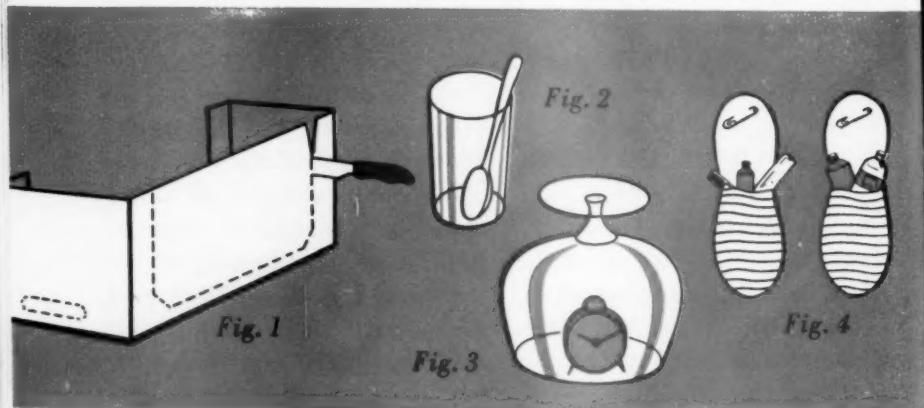
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YOU CAN MAKE HOME NURSING EASIER

By C. F. Taylor

Caring for the bedridden patient is a major problem in any household. You've probably been asked questions like: "But, Nurse, where can we buy a bed table?" Or, "How much does a back rest cost, and where can we find one?" And you'll probably be asked them again. At such times, a helpful suggestion from you is worth a lot to the harried family. It lets them know you're eager to help them, as well as the patient.

Shown on these pages are ten simple, economical expedients for the sickroom. Not one of them will take you more than a few seconds to describe, or even to demonstrate. And every one of them will save money and trouble for your patient's family.



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Common Household Items can be transformed into effective sickroom aids: A cardboard carton cut as shown and inverted (Fig. 1, left) makes an excellent bed table or a "foot cradle" to keep bedclothes off the patient's feet. Holes cut at both ends of the carton provide it with hand-holds. A spoon in an empty glass (Fig. 2) can substitute for a summons-bell. An inverted pitcher or large-mouthed tumbler (Fig. 3) serves to muffle the ticking of a bedside clock. Ordinary paper scuffs pinned to the side of the mattress (Fig. 4) make convenient holders for the patient's most-wanted toilet articles.

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HOME NURSING

A Little Ingenuity solves any number of home sickroom problems. For instance, an inverted straight-back chair placed below the mattress (Fig. 5) makes a good back rest for the patient. If desired, it can be placed above the mattress, with pillows for cushioning. Other possibilities: an upended suitcase, a slanted washboard, or an inexpensive, canvas beach back rest. Pinned to the mattress, an ordinary paper bag (Fig. 6) makes a simple, disposable container for used tissues and other waste. To save the bedside table-top from stains, a large pie pan (Fig. 7) doubles as a tray for holding medicine bottles, spoon, and other items. If your patient has trouble sitting up for changing her position without aid, a stout rope fastened to the end of the bed (Fig. 8) helps her.

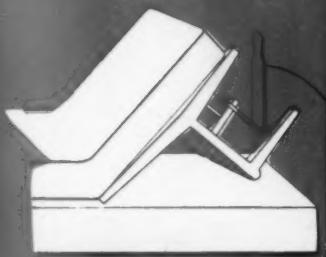


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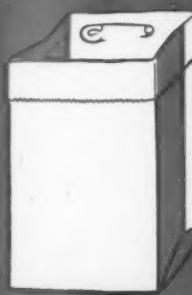


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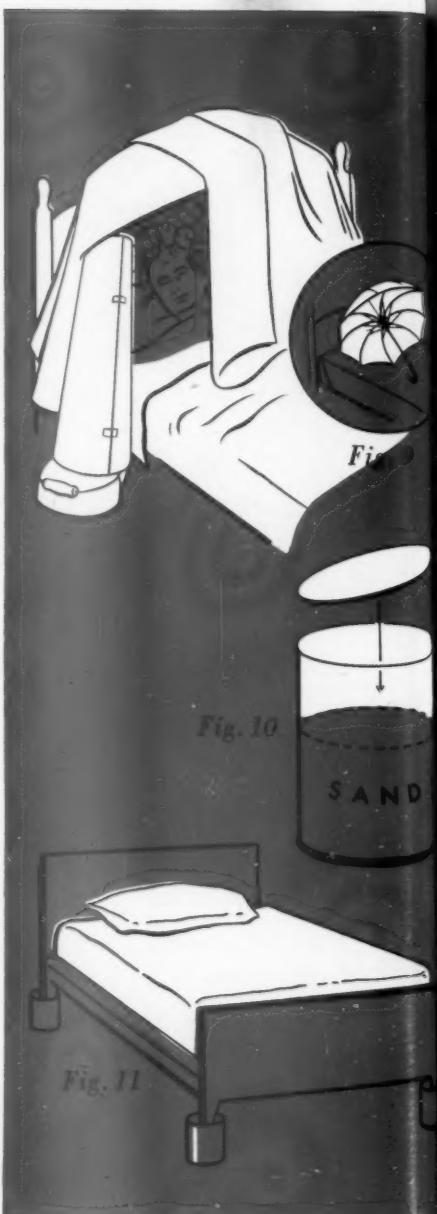
HOME NURSING

Hospital Procedures can be duplicated in the home with the help of household props. If steam inhalations are prescribed, an open umbrella can form the framework for a serviceable steam tent (Fig. 9).

A blanket or sheet draped over the umbrella gives the tent "walls"; and a rolled-and-pinned paper funnel directs steam from the kettle away from the patient's face. To raise the bed to a height convenient for home nursing, four large cans filled with equal amounts of sand (Fig. 10) may be used for boosters.

Cut-off lids of cans are dropped on the sand to keep bed legs—with or without casters—from sinking into it.

Result: a bed of exactly the height desired (Fig. 11).





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You Can Help Prevent and Control Lymphedema After Mastectomy

By William T. Foley, M.D. and Alberta Evans, R.N.

WHEN HOSPITALIZED,
*this 59-year-old patient
had intense root pain in neck
and shoulder. Her arm was "too
heavy to carry around."*



Lymphedema of the arm occurs to an important degree in about one out of every ten women who have had a breast removed. The successful treatment of this condition is a challenge. It depends on the complete cooperation of the doctor, nurse, and patient in applying physiologic and psychologic principles over long periods of time.

Take Mrs. S. When she came to our Vascular Clinic she was almost a recluse. She had never adjusted emotionally to the loss of her breast a year before. When her arm swelled to a disfiguring

size six months later, she refused even to leave the house. Fortunately, her husband induced her to visit a physician before the lymphedema had progressed far enough so that it would permanently affect her emotional outlook as well as her functional abilities and physical appearance.

Early treatment in such cases is the key to cure. Without it edematous tissues become hard and fibrotic. Swelling cannot be completely reduced. Patients must then bear the pain and discomfort of a dead-weight arm as well as run the risk of infection.

DR. FOLEY is chief of the Vascular Clinic, and **Miss Evans** is head nurse of the Vascular Clinic, at New York Hospital.



TWELVE DAYS LATER,
*after regimen of elevation,
massage, dehydration, and
compression, her arm showed
marked reduction in swelling.*

LYMPHEDEMA AFTER MASTECTOMY

from faulty lymph drainage. (A simple furuncle in an edematous arm can readily turn into an erysipelas.)

Why the Swelling?

What makes lymph accumulate in the arms of postmastectomy patients? Why does swelling appear immediately after surgery in some cases and not until ten years later in others? No one understands these variations exactly, but the cause lies in the very nature of the operation.

To prevent metastasis, the surgeon must remove all the lymph vessels in the axilla. The same vessels that drain the breast also drain the arm. Radiation treatment and postoperative infection may destroy still more drainage channels. With no means of drainage, the lymph becomes stagnant in the intercellular spaces.

Proper Care Is the Key

This being the case, why do nine out of ten postmastectomy patients escape massive lymphedema? One explanation is that some persons have better collateral lymphatic systems in the shoulder region than others do. Another explanation is that

proper nursing care prevents lymphedema.

If all nurses impressed their mastectomy patients with the importance of elevating and massaging the affected arm for three or four months postoperatively, we might see far less lymphedema. Even in those cases where lymphedema becomes a problem, treatment would be easier.

As it is, patients with excessive lymphedema are among the most difficult to treat, particularly outside the hospital. They find it irksome to follow instructions and are likely to fail to keep treatment appointments.

'Get to a Hospital'

The best course, we believe, is to urge patients with a clinical degree of swelling to go to a hospital. There, away from home interruptions, they can better adapt to lymphedema therapy.

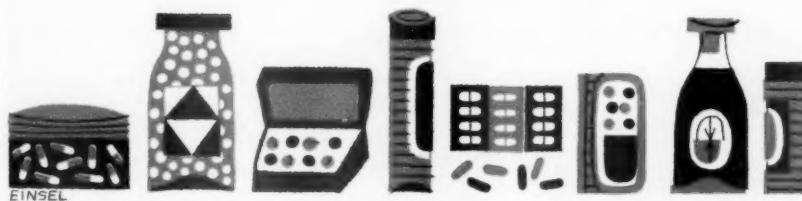
One of the first things ordered for a hospitalized lymphedema patient is a diuretic. This, plus a restricted salt intake, rapidly drains off a large amount of fluid.

To reduce the swelling further, we use gravity and compression. For example, a special stand keeps the patient's arm elevated, and a mechanical [MORE ON 76]

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The Use and Misuse of Cathartics

By Morton J. Rodman, PH.D.



The drugs that treat constipation most effectively are those whose action takes place in the intestine only, without producing side effects.

These work in various ways. They irritate the mucosal lining, produce bulk, lubricate the intestinal wall, or soften hardened fecal matter.

The irritant cathartics listed on page 50 were considered in the July issue. Now we'll take up the bulk-producing and the emollient cathartics, as well as

the synthetic detergents, which act as wetting agents.

Bulk-Producing Cathartics

Unabsorbable materials that combine with fluid tend to distend the intestine. Pressure on the wall of the gut is a natural stimulus to peristaltic contractions. So such substances are especially useful for patients whose diets contain too little bulk (which means most of us in this era of overly refined foods).

The bulk-producing cathartics

THIS ARTICLE is the second of a two-part series. The author is professor of pharmacology at the College of Pharmacy, Rutgers University, Newark, N. J.

THE USE AND MISUSE OF CATHARTICS

Irritant Cathartics

Anthraquinone Type

Cascara sagrada, U.S.P.	Quinanthrol glycosides (Quin-plex)
Senna, N.F.	Sennosides A and B
Rhubarb, N.F.	Purified senna principles (Sen- okot)
Aloe, U.S.P.	
Aloin, N.F.	
Danthron, N.F. (1,8-Dihydroxy-anthraquinone, Dorbane)	

Drastic Resinous Irritant Type

Colocynth, N.F.	Podophyllum, U.S.P.
Gamboge	Podophyllum resin, U.S.P.
Elaterin	Jalap, N.F.

Irritant Oils

Castor oil, U.S.P.	Croton oil
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Miscellaneous Irritants

Phenolphthalein, U.S.P.	Mild mercurous chloride, N.F.
Acetphenylisatin (Isatin)	(calomel)
Diacetylidoxyphenylisatin(Isacen)	Precipitated sulfur

Emollients and Lubricants

Liquid petrolatum, U.S.P. (mineral oil)	Olive oil, U.S.P. Cottonseed oil
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Fecal Moistening Agents

Diethyl sodium sulfosuccinate, U.S.P. (Colace, Doxinate, Diovac, Molofac)	Propyleneoxides (Magnocyl)
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Bulk-Producing Cathartics

Saline Type

Magnesium sulfate, U.S.P. (Epsom salt)	Sodium phosphate, N.F.
Magnesium citrate solution, N.F.	Exsiccated sodium phosphate, N.F.
Magnesium hydroxide, N.F.	Effervescent sodium phosphate, N.F.
Magnesia magma, U.S.P. (Milk of Magnesia)	Potassium sodium tartrate, N.F. (Rochelle salt)
Magnesium oxide, U.S.P. (Magnesia)	Compound effervescent powders, N.F. (Seidlitz powders)
Magnesium carbonate, U.S.P.	
Sodium sulfate, N.F. (Glauber's salt)	

Hydrophilic Colloid and Fiber Type

Agar, U.S.P.	Sodium carboxymethylcellulose, U.S.P. (Carmethose, et al.)
Plantago seed, N.F. (psyllium seed)	Sterculia gum, N.F. (Karaya gum)
Plantago ovata coating, N.N.D. (Konsyl)	Manna
Psyllium hydrophilic mucilloid, N.N.D. (Metamucil)	Bran
Methylcellulose, U.S.P. (Cell- othyl, Hydrolose, Methocel, Syncelose, et al.)	Prunes

Suppositories and Enemas

Glycerin suppositories, U.S.P.	Sodium dihydrogen phosphate [anhydrous] and sodium citrate [dihydrate] solution
Sodium biphasphate and sodium phosphate solution, (Phospho-Soda enema solution)	(Travad enema)

THE USE AND MISUSE OF CATHARTICS

are of two types: (1) slowly absorbed mineral salts and (2) natural and synthetic fibers and gums that swell in water to form an indigestible gelatinous mass.

Substances of the first kind—the saline cathartics—increase intestinal fluid volume. This happens because unabsorbed salt ions exert an osmotic pressure that prevents water from passing into the circulation. In fact, highly concentrated salt solutions may even draw plasma fluids into the intestine. That's why they're used sometimes to dehydrate edematous patients.

When cathartic action is wanted, salts are usually given well-diluted with water. That way, even the unpleasant-tasting Epsom and Glauber's salts aren't likely to cause nausea. The extra water held in the intestine helps produce waves of peristaltic activity. These swiftly sweep the salt solution through the intestine to bring about prompt evacuation.

Their quick, complete cathartic action makes these salts best for flushing out food and drug poisons. They're also used to get rid of worms and vermicides after anthelmintic treatment for parasitic intestinal infestation.

Used this way, the saline cathartics are comparatively safe.

But magnesium salts may be contraindicated when renal function is poor. Ordinarily the kidneys quickly excrete any magnesium ions that break through the mucosal barrier and get into the blood. In people with damaged kidneys, though, enough magnesium may pile up to produce toxic effects. Signs of central nervous system depression, varying from drowsiness to coma, have occurred in children receiving Epsom salt in worm treatments.

These—and all other strong cathartics—are of course contraindicated when the patient complains of abdominal pain. Drugs that drive the intestine into increased activity can rupture a "hot" appendix in short order.

Emollient Cathartics

Although saline cathartics may be used occasionally to overcome acute constipation, they are too powerful for long-range treatment of chronic cases. For treating such patients, colloid—and emollient-type laxatives are best. And even these should be used only as an adjunct to dietary and other [MORE ON 80]

F *Footnote to a Dedicated Life*

BY MEDOS

"In my thirty-first year I see nothing desirable but death."

The nurse who wrote these words in her diary was undoubtedly more discouraged than you and I have ever been. Indeed it is difficult to imagine how any woman in such a state of mind could carry on—let alone minister to the needs of the desperately ill.

Yet this woman *did* carry on. In fact, she became the outstanding nurse of her generation and today is revered by us all. Her name: Florence Nightingale.

There are those who contend that the secret of Miss Nightingale's success lay in her inherent love for humanity, that this quality alone enabled her to surmount the despair and discouragement her diary so clearly reveals.

But such contentions overlook an important point: While the Lady of the Lamp was an

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idealist, she was also a realist. An extraordinary realist.

Clear evidence of this may be found in the events that followed her unhappy diary notation. For it was shortly after her period of despondency that she decided to face facts squarely and plunge whole-heartedly into bedside nursing.

Until then, she had been little more than an observer—little

more than a student. Now, for the first time, she was a doer.

"The busy have no time for tears . . ."

How well she came to understand that fundamental truth! And how well her final victory justifies the sage advice of Carlyle:

"Work is a grand cure for all the maladies and miseries that ever beset mankind."

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Near Miss

I was doing relief work at Manhattan's old Willard Parker Hospital. It was only my second night there as a student nurse on the ward for undiagnosed cases.

Shortly before midnight a new admission arrived. I tried to make him comfortable, but this took some doing since he was covered from head to toe with the worst rash I'd ever seen.

As the hours passed, the patient's condition worsened steadily. What's more, practically none of the surface of his skin was smooth enough for injection of his much-needed medication.

Another student nurse suctioned him at frequent intervals. The doctors worked hard to revive him. But in spite of these efforts, he died before morning, his case still undiagnosed.

It wasn't until late afternoon that I learned from the newspapers that the patient I'd worked over most of the previous night had entered the country with a disease identified—after his death—as smallpox!

P.S. Neither the doctors nor the nurses who cared for this patient contracted smallpox themselves, but some others in the hospital did.

—FLORENCE BERGER ADLER, R.N.

THE 1958 RN AWARDS *

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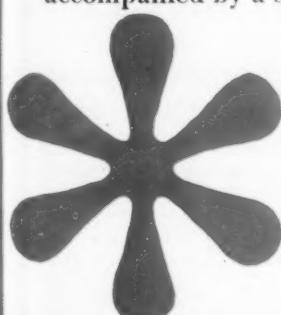
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Closing date for entries in the 1958 RN Awards contest has been extended to December 31, 1958, due to the great number of requests received from nurse-writers who were unable to meet the original June 30 deadline.



Annuities Pay You A Pension

Your Social Security benefit
can't exceed \$108.50 a
month. But here's a way to
provide yourself with
added retirement income

By Allan J. Parker, LL.B.

Prunsters say that a practical nurse is one who marries a doctor.

Well, I know some registered nurses who are being practical in another way: They're providing for their future security with their own earnings. And they're doing it via the same personal pension plan that a number of doctors favor: They're buying annuities.

"As a matter of fact," says one R.N., "we *have* to be practical. Most of us—married or single—have family obligations of one kind or another. As a result, there isn't much left in the budget for either investments or savings. And even though most nurses are now covered by Social Security, that alone won't provide enough to retire on."

"Take my own case. If I qualify for the maximum benefit, I'll get \$108.50 a month when I'm 65. If I quit nursing at 62, I'll get only \$86.80 a month. And if my husband and I *both* work until we're 65, our combined Social Security will be only \$217 a month."

"That's the maximum, remember. We may not even get that

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much. It *could* be, say, only \$175 a month—which is hardly enough these days for a couple to live on comfortably. That's one reason why we decided to buy an annuity.

“Another reason is this: Neither of us is covered by any kind of employee pension plan. My husband is a hospital pharmacist; I work in central supply. And, as you know, most hospitals don't have pension plans.

“Industrial nurses are lucky in that respect. A good many of them come under company

pension plans. But most hospital nurses and all who do private duty have to build their own retirement funds out of earnings. Some day, perhaps, hospitals will adopt the pension idea, too. In the meantime, an annuity is one way of supplementing Social Security benefits.”

The annuity plan is basically

ANNUITIES PAY YOU A PENSION

simple. In essence, it's a form of income insurance issued by a life insurance company. The annuity holder, like the person with life insurance, pays the insurance company a fixed amount regularly for a specified number of years. In return, the company guarantees to pay her a fixed amount regularly for life, beginning at age 65 or at whatever age she selects.

Suppose, for example, that Nurse Jones, now retired, holds an annuity that pays her \$1,200 a year. And suppose that during her working years, her payments to the company totaled \$15,000.



"I don't know about your temperature, but your bubble gum's temperature is O.K."

If she's favored with a long life and gets back her entire \$15,000 in twelve and a half years, does her annuity then stop?

Not at all. The company goes right on paying her \$1,200 a year for as long as she lives, even if she reaches 100 or more.

That's the risk the company takes. But it's a *calculated* risk based on longevity studies of large groups. In other words, insurance companies spread their annuity risks over a large number of annuitants—just as they spread the risk of early death over a large number of life insurance policyholders.

The age at which you buy an annuity contract naturally determines the premium you must pay to receive, say, \$100 a month at age 65. The younger you are when you begin your annuity program, the smaller the annual premium.

What happens if the annuity-holder dies *before* the pension payments begin? Does the company keep the premiums that have been paid in?

No. The annuitant's estate or designated beneficiary gets a refund covering these paid-in sums.

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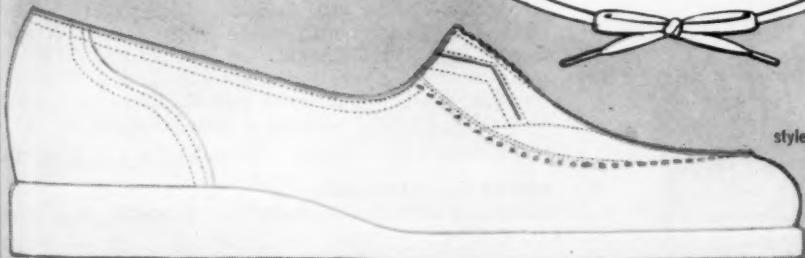
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are numerous types of annuities. First of all, there's the *straight life annuity*, sometimes called the *non-refund annuity*.

Under such a contract, you receive a pension for as long as you live. But if you die before recovering the full amount you've paid in, your heirs don't get any refund. This holds true even if the insurance company has paid you, say, only one installment prior to your death. The balance of what you paid in reverts to the company (to be paid out to other, longer-lived annuitants).

Such a non-refund annuity pays a relatively high return. But it also represents a gamble that doesn't appeal to some people—especially those with dependents. For this reason, many insurance companies offer what they call an *annuity with installments certain*. This guarantees you a somewhat smaller pension for as long

as you live; but it also provides that if you die before the expiration of the stipulated period, your beneficiary (or heirs) will continue to receive your pension installments until the end of that period—usually ten years, sometimes twenty.

The *refund annuity* is a somewhat similar contract, with special appeal to nurses with dependents. Besides providing a lifetime pension, it guarantees that the total amount you pay in as premiums will be refunded —either directly to you or, if you die before recovering the full amount, to your designated beneficiary.

Still another form of contract is the *joint and survivorship annuity*. This provides a joint lifetime income for, say, a husband and wife, as well as a lifetime income for whichever of the two lives the longer. In this case pay-

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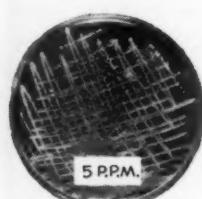
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ments terminate only on the death of the second annuitant.

In considering which type of annuity is best for you, you'll naturally want to consult your insurance advisor. And, as he'll undoubtedly tell you, the amount of the monthly pension you receive for each \$1,000 you pay in will depend on which type of contract you buy, as well as on the age at which you buy it.

For example, an insurance company can offer you a larger monthly income on a non-refund (straight life) annuity than it can when it has to guarantee a refund to your heirs.

Like a life insurance policy, an annuity contract has a cash reserve value. It enables you to borrow money from the insurance company before your pension payments begin; and the more you've paid in, the more you can borrow. (You must, of course, pay interest, though.)

The contract also has a cash surrender value right up to the time your pension payments begin; and that value likewise increases as your paid-in total mounts.

It's true, of course, that your financial circumstances twenty years hence may differ consider-

ably from your present expectations. But once an annuity program is well established, it's usually possible to have the pension-payment method changed to meet altered circumstances.

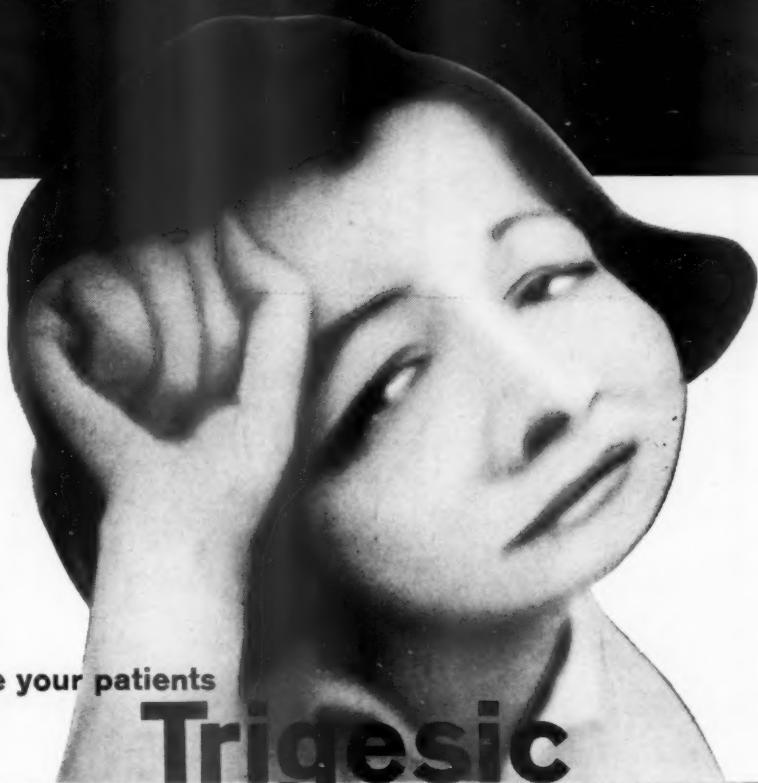
In any self-pensioning program, income taxes naturally have to be taken into account. And income from annuities, unlike income from Social Security, is taxable in part.

The part that can be excluded from taxation varies considerably from one type of annuity to another. Yet it's generally a substantial part.

Nurse Jones, for example, retiring at age 65 with a straight life annuity that pays her \$1,200 a year, would be able to exclude about \$825 of it from her taxable income.

The reason the tax law allows such exclusion is this: The amounts you pay into your annuity fund during your nursing career are *not* deductible on your annual tax return; year after year you pay an income tax on these amounts. So, when the insurance company begins paying you a pension *out of your own savings*, the only part of it that's taxable is the interest that's been accumulating over the years. END

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But success in the business world hasn't dulled Mrs. Shapiro's interest in nursing. "It's my first love and always will be," she says. "I sincerely hope to return to it some day."

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How to Help the **UNWED** **MOTHER**

By Helen Schnur, R.N.

As a nurse, your chances of seeing an extramarital pregnancy are increasing:

More than 193,000 babies were reported born out of wedlock in the U. S. last year. That was double the 1939 figure. And it does not, of course, include the thousands more unreported as illegitimate.

You may well ask yourself, then: "Am I really prepared to

understand and help the unwed mother-to-be?"

In case there's any doubt in your mind, let me point out some of the things I've learned from the 9,000 patients I've seen during my thirty-two years at Booth Memorial Hospital in Chicago.

In the first place, few of the unmarried mothers I meet are mentally deficient or promiscuous. But most of them need to

THE AUTHOR is director of nurses at the Salvation Army's Booth Memorial Hospital in Chicago. She has been on the staff there since 1926. Booth Memorial cares for unmarried mothers in its sixty-bed predelivery home section and its twenty-bed OB unit.

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An Emotional Problem

Left to her own devices, an unmarried girl who's pregnant may run off to a relative 300 miles away or, worse, seek an illegal abortion. This can be far more devastating emotionally than an illegitimate birth; and physically it can, of course, lead to permanent injury—even death.

If such a girl comes to your attention, urge her to go to an appropriate social agency in her own community. The agency will refer her to a specially staffed hospital, such as ours, where her whole personality, not just her pregnancy, will get consideration.

Here at Booth Memorial we give the girl a lot more than nursing care. Whenever possible, for example, I assist at the girl's pre-

natal examination. Often, too, I stay with her during labor. In this close relationship she is likely to want to talk to someone she has confidence in.

We start building confidence the day the mother-to-be is admitted. The first meeting with a new patient used to bother me, since the unmarried pregnant woman may be defensively arrogant, or nonchalant, or withdrawn.

But I've found a way to break the ice. I walk up to her, introduce myself, and say:

"I'm one of your nurses. If there's anything I can do, just tell me." Then I add: "I know all the girls here. Come with me and I'll introduce you to some of them."

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Consultations with her obstetrician, social worker, clergyman, and others take a great deal of time. She's also assigned light household tasks: dusting, making beds, helping in the dining room, etc.

The Value of Work

These duties make her "one of the family" and have definite therapeutic value. Some of our patients are here free of charge, and helping with the housekeeping gives them a feeling of at least partially paying their way.

Eighty per cent of our patients are under 16. (Currently we have five 12-year-olds and two who are 13.) So quite a few, in addition to their other duties, attend school. A full-time staff teacher gives the instruction.

I wish I could describe the personality changes that often

develop in our patients. Once they realize they won't necessarily carry a lifetime stigma, they tend to become open-minded, willing to learn, and positive in their approach to life.

They Call Her 'Mom'

I think it's significant that many of the youngsters call me "Mom." A few are themselves illegitimate, and some have been shunted from one foster home to another, with never a real "Mom" in their lives.

After delivery, the average patient stays in the hospital unit about two weeks. The reason for this longer-than-average hospitalization is that many of our girls go back to work as soon as they leave Booth, and we want to be sure they're in good physical condition when discharged.

Keep the Baby?

A few return to the home section if they still have not resolved the unwed mother's greatest conflict: whether or not to keep her baby. But most feel they can't give their children the homes they should have, so 90 per cent of the babies are referred to agencies for adoption.

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cision, asks me what to do. If such a question is ever put to you, *don't* answer as one nurse did: "How could you even *think* of giving up your baby? I'd scrub floors to keep him, if he were mine."

My advice to nurses is: Hands off! But you *can* say: "He'll be a baby such a short time. Before you know it, he'll be old enough to ask questions. You're the only one who can decide whether you'll be able to answer him and, at the same time, handle all the other problems."

Some nurses think that if an

unwed mother's baby is going to be adopted she should not see it first. I don't go along with that. If a patient asks to see her baby, we allow it. Contrary to popular opinion, this seldom makes her change her mind about giving up the child.

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On the range Peggy prefers to shoot barefoot from the prone position. ("It's more comfortable.")

Saturday mornings, when she's off duty at the hospital, she conducts classes at the Pinwheel Rifle Club. Her students, mostly male, range from age 10 to 40-plus.

At least one sports writer has referred to Peggy as "a modern Annie Oakley." The Indians might have given her an even more appropriate name: Little Big Shot.

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high in the shoulder, lengthening the stroke until the wrist is reached. This "frees" the lymphatic areas.

Then the patient starts massaging at the wrist and kneads upward toward the shoulder. This massage gradually forces the fluid from the tissues toward the large lymph vessels of the chest. The patient continues the massage as directed for ten minutes by the clock.

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wrist and going up the arm. This takes the place of hand massage and can be used for a longer period of time.

The patient is put to bed and the purpose of the treatment is carefully explained. Reassurance is needed because many patients, when they see the machine, are afraid they will get an electric shock.

The arm is measured before and after treatment, at the wrist, at the fullest part of the forearm, and at the fullest part of the upper arm. The exact places where the measurements are taken are marked on the skin and, when the treatment is finished, measurements are again taken in the same places.

Applying the Sleeve

Since the sleeve is not washable, the arm is covered with stockinette before the sleeve is applied. The nurse must be sure the sleeve cuff is above the carpal bones. Otherwise, interference with circulation may cause numbness, tingling, and cyanosis of the hand. We instruct the patient to report any of these signs immediately.

Treatment is continued for two hours; the patient is checked

at least every half-hour. When the fluid moves from the tissues it becomes necessary to tighten the sleeve.

The frequency of treatment is dependent upon the degree of lymphedema. Patients come to the clinic weekly or biweekly.

Rules for Home Care

Here are other pointers our nurses give on lymphedema treatment at home:

Keep arm raised as much as possible.

Swing arm while walking.

Do exercises and massage ordered by the doctor.

Keep mastectomy site (and arm and hand) scrupulously clean.

Wear gloves when gardening.

Wear loose clothing or non-constricting clothing.

Dispense with brassiere strap on affected side.

Use talcum rather than deodorant.

Wash elastic sleeve or bandage frequently in cool water.

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Wetting Agents

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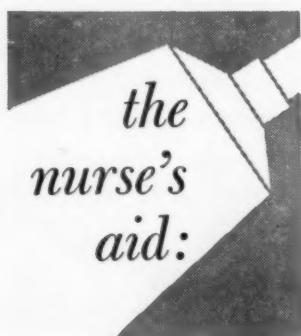
One such synthetic wetting agent, dioctyl sodium sulfosuccinate, has been widely marketed alone and in combination with various cathartics. The drug

itself seems quite safe. But it has been suggested that it not be given with mineral oil. This warning is based on the belief that its detergent action might permit the oil to pass through the intestinal mucosa and be absorbed. It could then cause chronic inflammation of the liver, spleen, and lymph nodes.

Overcoming Constipation

Patients need to be taught that strong cathartics have no place in the treatment of chronic constipation. They must be convinced of the value of eating foods that furnish bulky residue, drinking plenty of water, and striking a proper balance between exercise and rest.

Many a patient also has to rearrange his living and working habits. He should be advised to set a time for moving his bowels and to stick to it. He needs to



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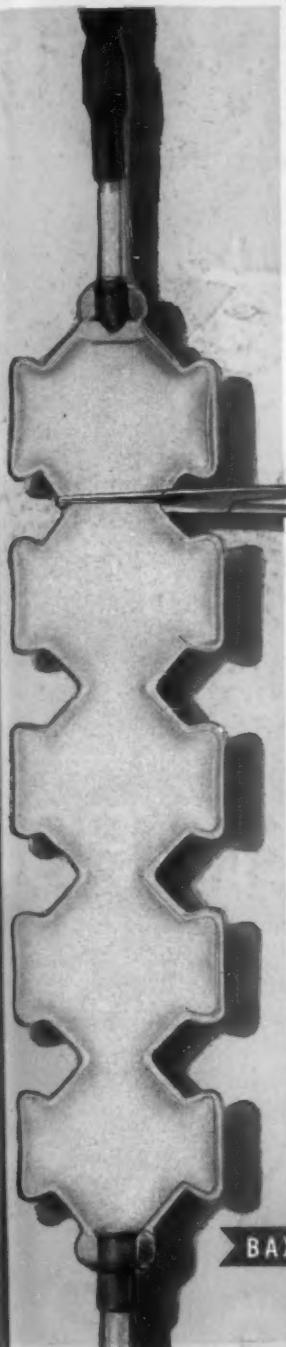
realize that extensive drug therapy is usually not needed.

If the patient's constipation is of the "spastic" kind, the doctor may want to try atropine or some antispasmodic such as belladonna. If the constipation arises from a thyroid deficiency, the glandular therapy may be what is called for. Generally, though, the problem is best handled without drugs.

Contrary to popular belief, then, cathartics are rarely indicated for patients with chronic constipation. These patients are best served by finding the physical or emotional cause of the difficulty, and then correcting it. More often than not, this means breaking the patient's dependence on drugs, rather than giving him more of them.

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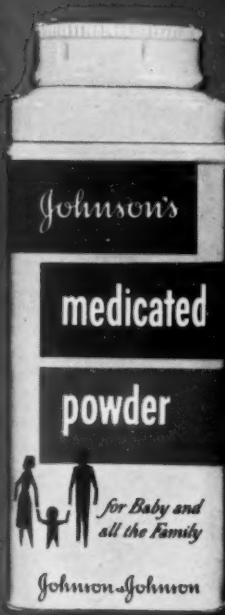
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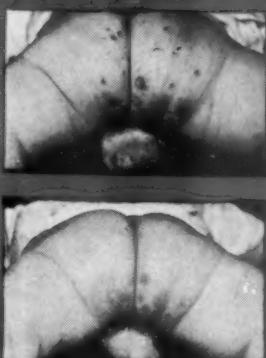
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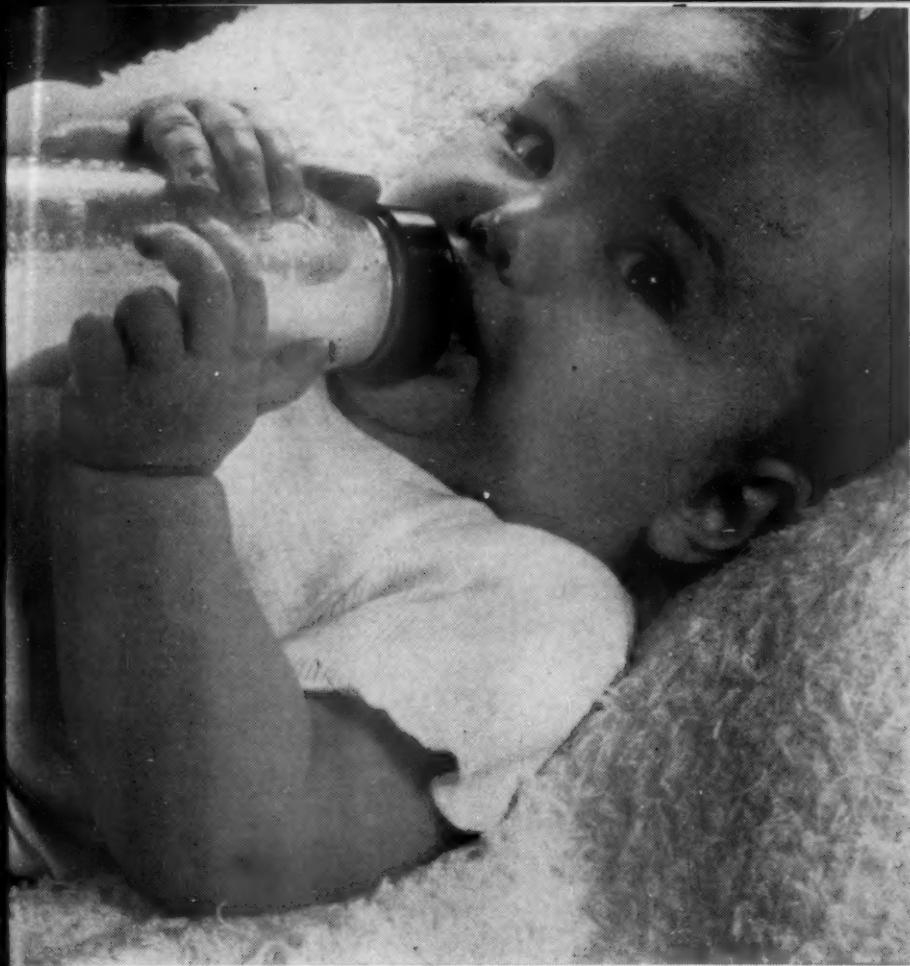
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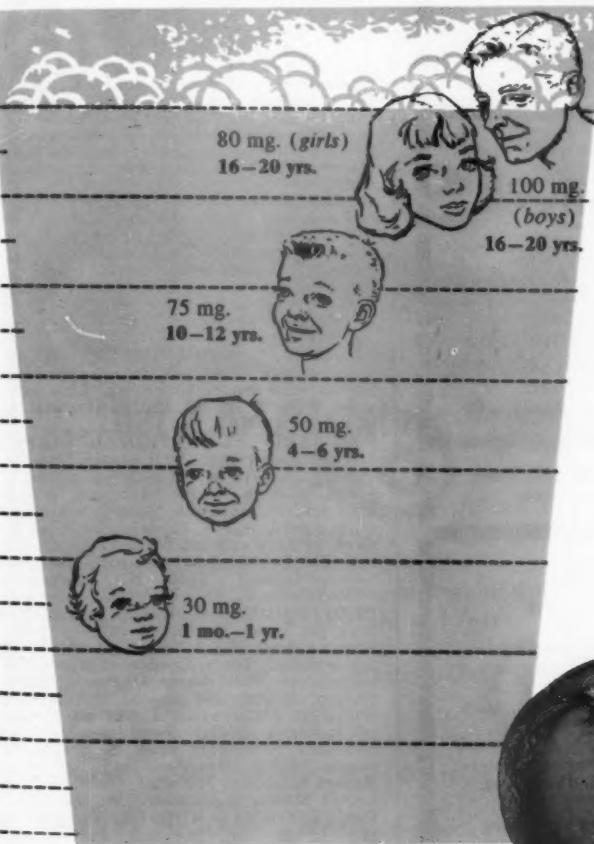
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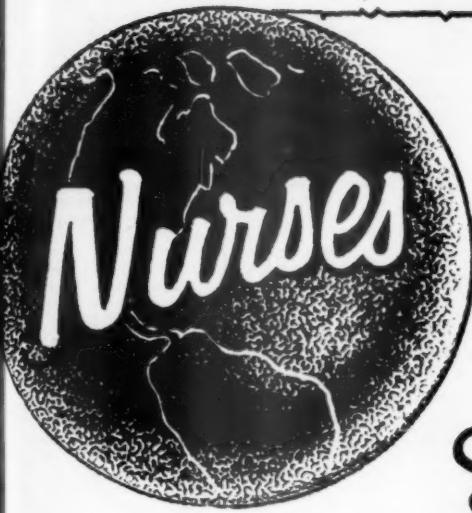
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